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Going-to-the-Sun Road – Information for 2006

After years of planning and public involvement, the landmark Going-to-the-Sun Road is receiving much needed attention and rehabilitation. Planning, repair and rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road has been underway since 1988; however, comprehensive treatment of the alpine section starts in 2006.

The National Park Service and its partner, the Federal Highway Administration, made a commitment to maintain 'shared use' of the road throughout the rehabilitation process. As a result, during the peak visitor season (June 15 – September 15) there will only be temporary delays.

June 15 – September 15, 2006, the following schedule will be in effect during this peak visitor season:

- Weather and road conditions permitting, the entire 50-mile Going-to-the-Sun Road will be open for two-way motorized traffic.
- Visitors may expect a maximum of 30-minute delays for a one-way trip across the Going-to-the-Sun Road during peak hours (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
- During non-peak hours, (8 – 10 a.m. and 3 – 8 p.m.) travelers may experience up to 1-hour delays for a one-way trip across the Going-to-the-Sun Road.
- Definitive nighttime delays are unknown at this time; however, delays may occur between 8 p.m. – 8 a.m.

September 15, 2006 – June 15, 2007, the following schedule will be in effect during the shoulder and winter seasons:

- Portions of the upper Going-to-the-Sun Road may not be accessible for motorized vehicle use as contractors accelerate rehabilitation roadwork.
- Except when closed by weather conditions, Logan Pass will be accessible from at least one side.
- Non-motorized public access will oftentimes be allowed on segments of the Going-to-the-Sun Road that are not open for motorized vehicle traffic.

Further information about the rehabilitation of Going-to-the-Sun Road, commercial tour operations within the park and alternative transportation is available at <http://www.nps.gov/glac/sunroad/whatsup.htm>

For future planning...*In 2007, Glacier National Park will implement a variety of new visitor services in coordination with the long-range Going-to-the-Sun-Road rehabilitation. These options and opportunities will include a Going-to-the-Sun Road shuttle system and transit facilities, interpretive wayside exhibits along the roadway and other technological improvements and advancement such as real-time information on traffic conditions, etc. These new services will 1) provide a broader, more user-friendly park experience for visitors during the ongoing road improvements and in the future, 2) lessen the impact of the project on the cultural and natural environment and surrounding gateway communities, and 3) preserve for future generations the priceless resource and engineering marvel that is the Going-to-the-Sun Road. More details will be provided as information becomes available. To receive updates, please send an email message to glac_news_releases@nps.gov*

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